

From: Susanne Pulsifer
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:21 PM
To: Richard Sears
Subject: In Support of Snow Tires on Rental Cars

Dear Mr. Sears,

I am writing in strong support of the bill requiring rental car companies in Vermont to equip their rentals with snow tires from November 1st through March 15th.

Recently I was unable to rent a car with snow tires after my car sustained extensive damage in a collision caused by a drunk driver. As if dealing with the aftermath of the collision was not enough, I was told by the rental car company, "We're a national company. We do business in places like Florida so we can't have snow tires on our vehicles in Vermont". No amount of reasoning could persuade the company to make an exception. In addition, the dealership where I purchased the car just seven months earlier was unable or unwilling to help me either. Luckily I was able to borrow a car from a relative (with snow tires) for the time it took to have the repairs done. Many people are not that fortunate and must settle for a car with poor tires in the middle of winter. It's not safe. So you see it isn't just the tourists who need rental cars with snow tires, as I'm sure you know, your constituents do as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I pray the bill is passed and not one more person is forced to settle for a vehicle that is not equipped for winter driving. Please feel free to use any part of my story to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Susanne Pulsifer, West Danville